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BY HAND

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotten Sand, Reservoir A, BAYOU POSTILLION
FIELD, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

SANDALWOOD EXPLORATION, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotten Sand, Reservoir A, in the Bayou Postillion Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

1. To authorize Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Cotten No. 1 Well as a substitute unit well for COTTEN RA SUA, said well being located as shown on the attached plat, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 386-E, effective March 1, 1969.
2. To find that a substitute unit well for COTTEN RA SUA is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotten Sand, Reservoir A, underlying the unit which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To designate Applicant as operator of COTTEN RA SUA.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Cotten Sand, Reservoir A, in the Bayou Postillion Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 386-E, effective March 1, 1969.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Bill McAlister at (337) 233-9839, during normal

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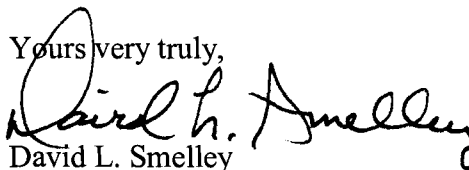
business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bayou Postillion Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Sandalwood Exploration, L.P.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encls.)
Mr. Phil Fleming (w/encls.)
Mr. Bill McAlister (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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Sec. 23

Sec. 22

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COTTEN RA SUA

An-Son (Sandalwood)
Cotten No. 1 Well
(Current Unit Well)
12,700' TD

TOP OF SAND @ 12,732' MD:

Sandalwood Exploration, L.P. -
COTTEN RA SUA; Cotten, et al
No. 1 Well
X=2,002,691.71
Y= 485,060.49 (NAD 27)
(Proposed Substitute Unit Well)
12,946' TD

An-Son
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Sec. 27

Williams, Inc.

208'
N25°11'28"W
776.85'

S88°40'09"W 41,436.37' From
USC&GS Monument "MABILE 1935"

Sandalwood
Exploration, L.P.
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SURFACE LOCATION:

Sandalwood Exploration, L.P. -
COTTEN RA SUA; Cotten, et al
No. 1 Well
X=2,003,022.38
Y= 484,357.52 (NAD 27)
Lat. 29°59'56"
Long. 91°19'26" (NAD 83)

Sec. 26

Cotten Land Corporation

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Sandalwood Exploration, L.P. -
COTTEN RA SUA; Cotten, et al No. 1 Well
Prepared August 18, 2005 as follows:
SURFACE LOCATION being S88°40'09"W 41,436.37'
From USC&GS Monument "MABILE, 1935", located in
Section 26, T12S-R11E.
TOP OF SAND @ 12,732' MD to be N25°11'28"W 776.85'
from Surface Location, located in Section 23,
T12S-R11E, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

No residential or commercial structures
exist within a 500' radius of the proposed
well location on August 18, 2005.

NAD 27 LAMBERT LA. SOUTH ZONE

SANDALWOOD EXPLORATION, L.P.

COTTEN RA SUA; Cotten, et al No. 1 Well
(Proposed Substitute Unit Well)
Section 26, T12S-R11E
Iberia Parish, Louisiana

C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc.

1000' 500' 0' 1000'

Civil Engineers Environmental Consultants Land Surveyors
Houston Lafayette New Orleans

Robert L. Lastrapes
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Drawn By: MKC

Date: August 18, 2005

Proj. Mgr.: RLL